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SESSION IV
METHODS OF INGESTION AND INJECTION

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Upon successfully completing this session, the participant will be better able to:

- o Describe the common methods of ingesting drugs.

CONTENT SEGMENTS

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

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| A. Methods of Ingestion and Injection | o Instructor-Led Presentation |
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A. Methods of Ingestion and Injection

1. Different drugs are taken into the body in different ways.
2. If the means of ingestion of a drug can be determined, that can be a significant clue as to the drug category involved.
3. The following are common means of ingestion:
 - a. Oral
 - o Some drugs such as certain depressants, stimulants and narcotic analgesics are taken in pill or capsule form.
 - o Other drugs, such as hallucinogens are eaten in their naturally occurring form.
 - b. Nasal
 - o Stimulant drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine are snorted nasally.
 - o Heroin, a narcotic analgesic, is also occasionally snorted.

Selectively review each item as discussed.

Also known as insufflation.

Aids	Lesson Plan	Instructor Notes
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Smoking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o A common means of ingesting cannabis is by smoking. o Stimulants such as crack cocaine and methamphetamine are also smoked. o Narcotic Analgesics may be smoked. d. Inhaling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The fumes of gasoline, paints, glue and other chemicals are typically inhaled. e. Injection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Certain drugs are commonly injected by their users, via hypodermic needles. o Heroin is probably most commonly associated with injection, but several other types of drugs such as cocaine and methamphetamine also are injected by many users. o Discovering injection sites on a suspect provides additional evidence that he or she may be under the influence of specific types of drugs. 	<p>Ask participants: What drug is most often associated with injection via hypodermic needle?</p>

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<p>HS 178B R2/06</p>	<p>4. The use of rubber gloves when examining any suspected drug abuser is strongly recommended.</p>	<p><u>Stress</u> the importance of always wearing rubber gloves to reduce the likelihood of contracting infectious diseases such as, hepatitis or AIDS.</p>